

Baldernock Community Council – Baldernock Church Hall 7.30 pm

13th May 2024

Present: James Beattie; Celia Burns; Mags Harwood; Anne McNair; Liz Miscampbell; Elaine Reid;; Lesley Wiseman

Apologies: Catherine Anderton; Fiona Grier; Niall Logan; David Ralston

Minutes of Previous meeting: With one minor amendment under planning, to now read ‘...sought for the mast on Bargeny...’, these were proposed by Anne McNair and seconded by Ceila Burns.

Matters Arising:

Patching had been done on Glenorchard Road but this is a temporary solution.

ACTION: Ceila will contact Roads Department about a more permanent solution.

ACTIONS carried forward:

Celia will discuss possible local signage with Jane Logan; check with Police Scotland about visits from mobile police unit to Baldernock; and respond to current consultation on Scottish Parliament boundary changes, which ends on 15th May, to refer to our previous submission.

Anne will find out who to contact at Caledonian Properties to arrange a walk through Glenorchard Estate with Elspeth, Mags and Christine to discuss possible improvements; and look into a change of use planning application for Easter Fluchter.

Fiona will check on status of Flight Path Changes project.

Financial Report: Mags reported a balance of £667.62. Quarterly charges for use of the hall of £100 had been paid, and £78.38 to Ros Jarvis for welcome packs, and also litter pick café expenses of £77.60. An invoice to Stop Climate Chaos is also to be paid. **ACTION: Mags** will submit the financial report to EDC this week.

Police Matters: There was no report from Police Scotland but there had been a serious burglary in Balmore and those residents had asked BCC to issue a warning to the community which had been done.

Feedback on litter pick: Numbers attending were down on last year but it was still well attended and enjoyable. A lot of litter was picked and was quickly collected by EDC from various collection points.

Correspondence:

- A film with an environmental theme - ‘Why Not Scotland’ – had been offered free of charge. **ACTION: Celia** will pass to the Church for possible screening there on their new AV system.
- There will be a public engagement session at Kirkintilloch Fire Station on 4th June from 2-4. **ACTION: Liz** will attend for BCC, to seek assurances that the Fire Service has the information it needs to quickly find properties across Baldernock.
- Fergus Duncanson of Robinsfield had written to propose setting up a small group of volunteers to clear ‘the Allander path’. **ACTION: Celia** will respond to suggest an initial consultation with EDC who may have responsibility for the path. If not, then a volunteer group such as this could be supported.

- Keep Scotland Beautiful have offered free climate emergency training. **ACTION: Celia** will include information in the newsletter.

Planning:

- There had been an application to repair a stone wall at the church. No issues.
- Stelene, in Bardowie, had submitted a retrospective application for a balcony at the rear, with privacy screening. No issues.
- An application had been made to install an air-source heat pump at Boclair View, Bardowie, and 18 solar panels. **ACTION: Anne** will seek more information about the visual impact of the solar panels.
- Although there has been some exploratory activity on the site, no permission has yet been granted. A decision may be made at the May planning board towards the end of the month.

Roads: A speed camera figure was positioned by Police Scotland at Bardowie crossroads. **ACTION: Celia** will resubmit our request that the Glenorchard Road gap be resurfaced, not just patched, and will ask EDC to check and repair signage for the cycle route through Baldernock, since some of those signs are missing or pointing the wrong way. **ACTION: Anne** will ask EDC about using the planning gain funds from the new houses on Old Balmore Road to build a pedestrian crossing in Balmore, similar to that included in the plans for a cycle route along the A807.

Dog fouling: James reported this is a significant problem in and around Balmore village. **ACTION: James** will create some temporary signs to attach to telegraph poles in key locations. **ACTION: Celia** will speak to Jackie Gillespie about provision of dog waste bins in those locations, and more permanent signage, and will include a standing item in the newsletter.

Church Hall: This is not yet on the market. **ACTION: Celia** will keep in touch with Mark Hazell to ensure that any alternative accommodation for BCC meetings can be found as soon as that is necessary.

Woodland planting: There has still been no application by Caledonian Properties. **ACTION: Mags, Elspeth and Christine** will contact CP to arrange a walk through Glenorchard Estate to discuss improvements, as soon as Anne has identified a suitable contact (see above).

Baldernock Trust

- On 12th April the Trust put on a Youth Café event which no teenagers attended. Suggestions for alternative activities for teenagers are welcome.
- Attendance at the First Friday Gatherings at the Golf Club has fluctuated since these restarted in February. Please come along to your 'local' once a month to have a good time and to show your support.
- Please send your photos to thebaldernocktrust@gmail.com, for posting on our FB page and possibly including in our 2025 calendar.
- Volunteers are currently walking all of the rights of way in the Parish, to check their condition. Please get in touch with the Trust if you would like to help with this.
- 436 properties can now access full fibre broadband across Baldernock and beyond. Another 37 remain to be upgraded, which will bring the total to 473. When complete, every single address in Baldernock will be able to access full fibre broadband.

- The Trust with its partners in Baldernock Childcare is still in communication with EDC about a possible new nursery building at Baldernock.
- Please use the online calendar of events that the Trust has set up to avoid clashes of events and promote them automatically on the Baldernock website.

Baldernock Primary School: There was no report from the school.

AOB:

- Bardowie Tennis Club is still seeking new members. Membership is currently around 60, as last year, but expenses have increased. The school may be able to use the tennis facilities as part of its PE programme. **ACTION: Elaine** will follow that up.
- Some members of the community are still unaware of BCC and its activities, and BCC needs more younger members. It was agreed that we would hand deliver a leaflet about BCC, along with other local groups such as The Baldernock Trust and Bardowie Tennis Club. This should be planned for the autumn, perhaps delivered alongside the Link. It was also suggested that a banner or poster about BCC meetings could be permanently and prominently displayed at the church hall. **ACTION: Celia** to include leaflet on agenda for next meeting and to talk to Mark about displaying a banner at the hall.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 8th July.